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Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 45th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2000, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 2000/32, entitled "Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions". In paragraph 2 of that resolution, the Council welcomed the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/312) containing a summary of the deliberations and main findings of the ad hoc expert group meeting on developing a methodology for assessing the consequences incurred by third States as a result of preventive or enforcement measures and on exploring innovative and practical measures of international assistance to the affected third States, and invited States and relevant international organizations within and outside the United Nations system which had not yet done so to provide their views regarding the report of the ad hoc expert group meeting. In paragraph 4 of the same resolution, the Council decided to continue consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

2. At its 84th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2000, the General Assembly adopted resolution 55/157, entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions". In paragraph 7 of that resolution, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2000/32 of 28 July 2000, to continue consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, invited the Council, at its organizational session for 2001, to make appropriate arrangements for this purpose within its programme of work for 2001, and decided to transmit the most recent report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to

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assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, together with the relevant background materials, to the Council at its substantive session of 2001.

3. Pursuant to the aforementioned provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/32 and of General Assembly resolution 55/157, the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/55/295 and Add.1) will be made available to the Council at its substantive session of 2001. The attention of the members of the Council is drawn to section IV of the report, which contains an update of the views provided by Governments and relevant international organizations regarding the report of the ad hoc expert group meeting and related issues of international assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions. It will be also recalled that the communications received in 1999 from Governments and the relevant international organizations and institutions inside and outside the United Nations system on the same matter were summarized in the previous report of the Secretary-General (A/54/383 and Add.1).